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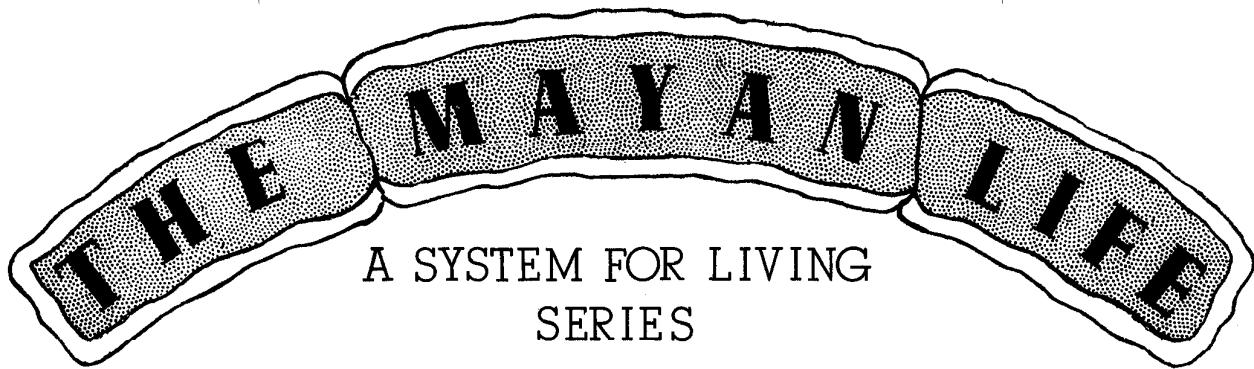
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THE GOLDEN GEMS OF LIFE

Success and Happiness

Beloved Companion:

In response to many requests for guidance in everyday life, we have prepared this treatise for publication in manuscript-lesson form. It is of greatest importance of course to know how to live Life properly. The greatest achievements lose their savor and become but ashes without this knowledge, whereas the most modest success is enjoyed to the full when the secret for Success and Happiness is known and lived by the entire family.

It is not so important to get more and more in this life as it is to appreciate what we have. For without appreciation, the more we get the more we wish for until the very habit of getting has grown so great that real appreciation is utterly impossible. The people who have the most of this world's goods are seldom the world's happiest people. Happiness must be earned. Real Happiness cannot be long enjoyed in any other way. And without Happiness, no one can be said to be truly successful.

This series, then, is devoted to showing the way to true Happiness, the most desirable of all things, and through Happiness to success. Its aim is to give you a modernized System for Living. The Mayan Life is usable not only for yourself but for your entire family. When you have learned to live Successfully and Happily, then our teachings shall take up again the deeper esoteric learnings from which these principles are gleaned.

Think of yourself as a leader, the chief of your tribe, leading your family group along the Mayan Path, out of the dark primeval forests of unenlightened living into the glorious bright sunshine of a full, happy, healthy life, nearer to God; living according to His Divine Purpose.

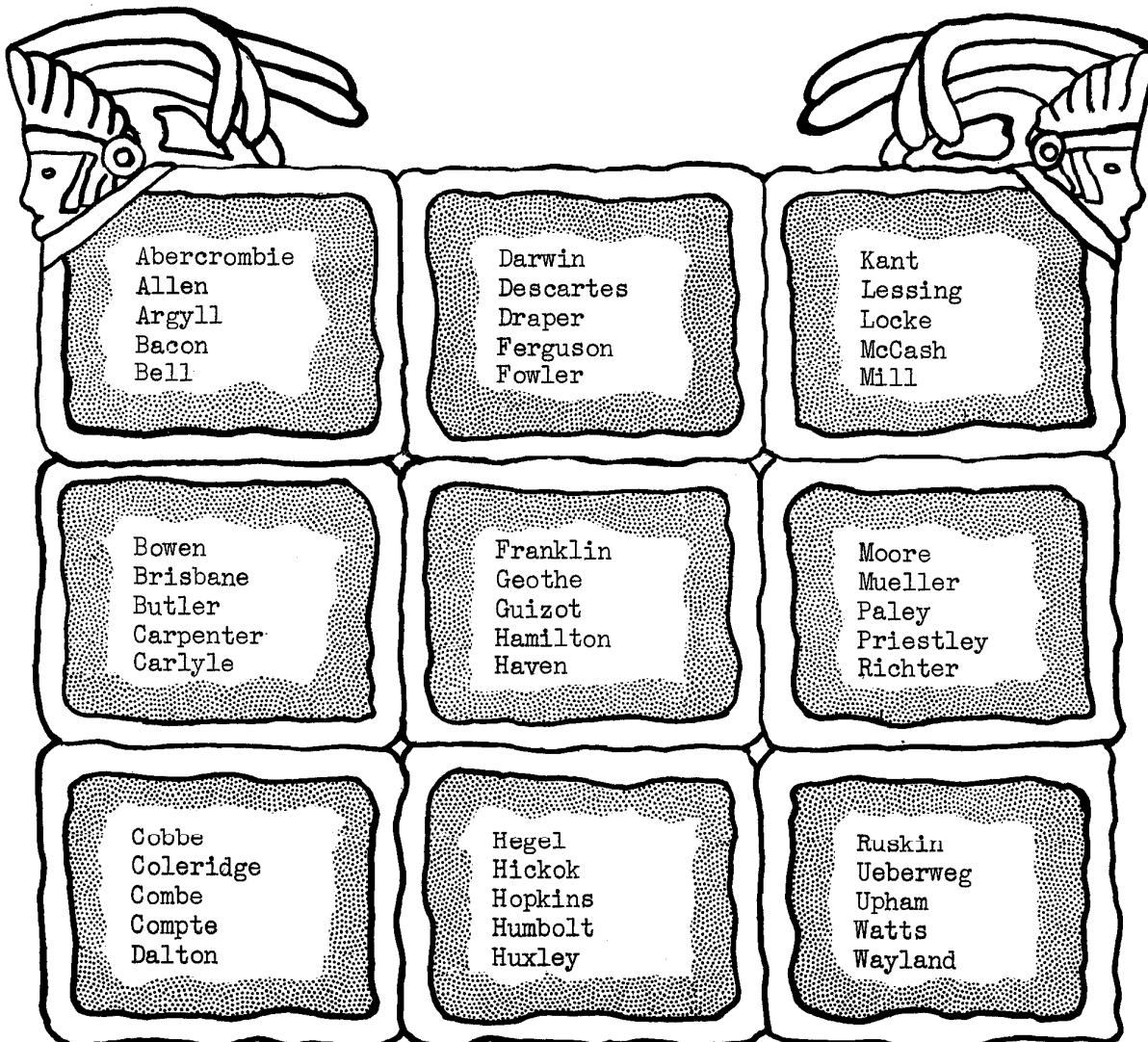
Many there are, some perhaps in your family group, who are wasting their time and energies, perhaps through indifference to life's prizes. In this series, the Mayans bring you, from all possible sources, the thoughts of those wise and earnest men and women who have lived the Mayan principles and have used their pens to delineate Life and its possibilities, its joys and sorrows.

Their purpose and hope is that they, like you as a Mayan Lector, may be able to rouse in the minds of the careless a sense of the value of existence. To those who are striving nobly for true manhood and womanhood, they would bring words of encouragement. These teachings thus spread to a wider group, must serve to make real for many, what would be otherwise utterly missed, namely, the realization of their hopes for Success and Happiness.

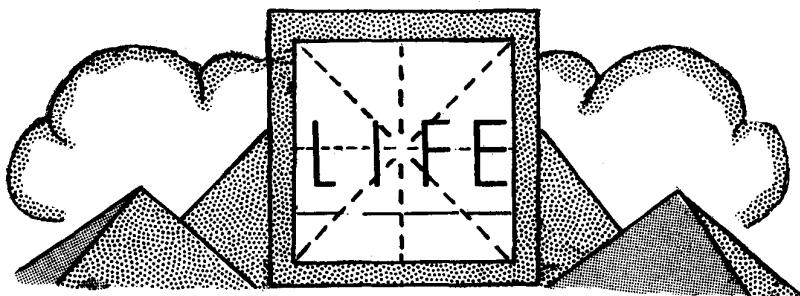
The authorities quoted had to be translated in some cases because their superior wisdom was not expressed in terms likely to be comprehensible to some of the Mayans who recently started on the Path.

Appended, is a partial list of names of leading world recognized authorities who contributed to this work. Lack of space prohibits anything like a complete list. Also, some of the contributions are rewritten from tracts submitted by members of the present class. In this sense, all Mayan Members are the composite author of this series -- The Mayan Life -- A System for Living. Even in this, then, our Companionship becomes more closely knit; our thoughts more closely attuned; our habits of life more definitely aimed and centered toward our One purpose: harmonic attunement with the Infinite.

A PARTIAL LIST OF
AUTHORITIES



Abercrombie Allen Argyll Bacon Bell	Darwin Descartes Draper Ferguson Fowler	Kant Lessing Locke McCash Mill
Bowen Brisbane Butler Carpenter Carlyle	Franklin Geethe Guizot Hamilton Haven	Moore Mueller Paley Priestley Richter
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WHEN ILL-SPENT We can conceive of no spectacle better calculated to lead the mind to serious reflections than that of an aged person who has misspent a long life and who, when standing near the end of life's journey, looks down the long vista of his years, only to recall opportunities unimproved. Now that it is too late he can plainly see where he passed by in heedless haste the real Gems of Life through pursuit of the glittering gewgaws of pleasure which, when gained, like the apples of Sodom, turned to ashes in his very grasp. What a different course he would pursue if time would only turn backward in its flight and he were allowed to commence anew to weave the "tangled thread of life." But this opportunity is not given to man. Regrets are useless unless they awaken a wish to avoid errors and a desire to gather only the true jewels of life.

LIFE'S REAL VALUE

Life, with its thousand voices wailing and exulting,
reproving and exalting, is calling upon You ...
Arouse and prepare yourself for the race,
Up and onward, and ...
"Waking,
Be awake to sleep no more."

Not alone by its ultimate destiny but by its immediate obligations, uses, enjoyment and advantages, must be estimated the infinite and untold value of life. It is a great mission on which you are sent, O Mayans. It is the choicest gift in the bounty of Heaven, committed to your wise and diligent keeping and is associated with countless benefits and priceless boons which Heaven alone has power to bestow.

But do not lose sight of this
Its possibilities for woe are equal to those of weal.

A TRIUMPH OR A DEFEAT It is a crowning triumph or a disastrous defeat, garlands or chains, a prison or a prize. We need the eloquence of Demosthenes to plead in our behalf and the strength of Hercules to do battle on our side. It is of the utmost importance to you to make the journey of life a successful one. To do so you must begin with right ideas. If you are mistaken in your present estimates it is best to be undeceived at the first even though it cast a shadow on your brow. It is true that life is not mean but grand. It is also real and earnest. It has ugly details, painful passages and a crown of care for every brow.

POWER OVER LIFE We seek to inspire you with a wish and a Will to meet life with the brave Mayan Spirit. We seek to direct you to its nobler meanings and its higher results. So we say to you: Take up life's duties now, learn the Mayan way to live life fully so your life will be satisfactory to you when you reach the end of your course, teach the fullness, the joy of the Mayan life to others that they may praise and bless your name.

Great destinies lie shrouded in your swiftly passing hours; great responsibilities stand in the passages of everyday life; great dangers, too, lie hidden in the by-paths of life's great highway; great uncertainty hangs over your future history unless you have the Will to win to the very top. The three Mayan passwords are the passwords of Life itself. With them you will pass the obstacles, "the Way" will be made pleasant by Companionship.

God has given you existence with full power and opportunity to improve it and be happy. He has given you power to despise the gift and be wretched. Which you will do is the great problem to be solved by your choice and conduct. Your bliss or misery in two worlds hangs in the balance.

With God and a wish to do right in life, life becomes essentially a noble and beautiful thing. Every Mayan should form, at the time he takes the Mayan Path, the solemn promise to make the most and the best of the powers God has given him and to turn to the best possible account every outward advantage within his reach. This purpose must carry with it the assent of the reason, the approval of the conscience, the sober judgment of the intellect. It should thus embody within itself whatever is vehement in desire, inspiring in hope, thrilling in enthusiasm and intense in definite resolve. To live the Mayan Life with such a purpose is a peerless privilege, no matter what the cost of transient sacrifice or unremitting toil.

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WHAT THE
MAYAN LIFE
MEANS



The Mayan Life is a thing above professions, callings and creeds. It is a thing which brings to its nourishment all good and appropriates to its development all the power of God within man. It is the greatest and best thing under the whole heavens. Position or rank cannot enhance its honor, wealth cannot add to its value. Its course lies through true manhood and womanhood, through true fatherhood and motherhood, through true friendship and relationship of all legitimate kinds, of all natural sorts whatsoever. It lies through sorrow and pain and poverty and all earthly discipline. It lies through unswerving trust in God and Man. It lies through patient and self-denying heroism. It lies through all heaven prescribed and conscientious duty and it leads straight to heaven's brightest gate as the path of a sunbeam leads to the bosom of a flower.

A
NEW LIFE
NOW OPENS.
AVOID THE ERRORS
OF YOUR PAST LIFE.
START ANEW!

Some of you in this Mayan class are fairly young in years, just entering into the full responsibilities of life. Others have lived a long life as the number of man's years are counted. But both of you by Mayan principles, are Born Anew and are just starting into the most active and important duties of your lives. The volume of the future lies unopened before you. Its covers are illuminated by the pictures of fancy and its edges are gleaming with the golden tints of hope. You strive to loosen its wondrous clasp. 'Tis a task which none but the hand of Time can accomplish. Life is before you -- not earthly life alone but life, a thread running interminably through the warp of eternity. It is a sweet as well as a great and wondrous thing.

"If only I could live my life over again, how differently I would do", is the lament of thousands of people. You, my Beloved Companion, now have that opportunity -- NOW! You can make your life what you please and give it as much worth, both for yourself and for others, as you have energy and determination. Your duty is to bring blessings of your knowledge to your fellowmen, to give them the message of Mayanry, to lead them to a better, more worthwhile, more accomplishing life of development of God's powers within Man. In .

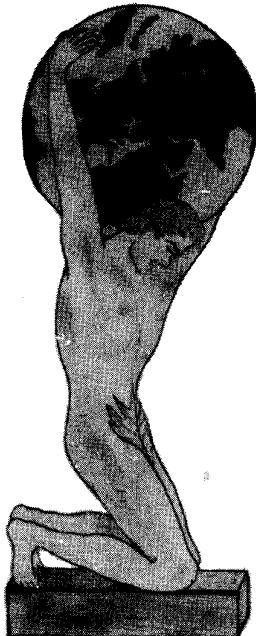
Amen



THE FUTURE Make up your mind now, determinedly. Be firm in your resolve. The journey from here may be a laborious one and you must not expect to find the road all smooth. And whether rich or poor, high or low, you will be disappointed if you build on any but a strong foundation. Take life like a true man; take it just as though it were, as you know it is, an earnest, vital, essential affair. Take it just as though you personally were born to the task of performing a joyful part in it, as though the world had waited for your coming. Live for something worthy of life and its capabilities and opportunities; for noble deeds and achievements. Every man and every woman has his or her assignments in the duties and responsibilities of daily life.

WE ARE IN THE WORLD TO MAKE THE WORLD BETTER, TO DEVELOP
OUR OWN IMMORTAL SELF-HOOD TO THE POINT WHERE WE MAY ENTER
A HIGHER PHASE OF LIFE, BEYOND OUR PRESENT UNDERSTANDING.

The word "world", as used here, does not mean the earth alone but refers to its larger sense. We are here to LIFT UP THE WORLD to higher levels of enjoyment and progress, to make the hearts and homes brighter and happier by devoting to our fellows our best thoughts, activities and influences.



The ancients tried to picture that thought in the symbology of Atlas. In it, Atlas was pictured as a man, holding the earth (the world) on his shoulders. Few outside the olden brotherhoods understood the true meaning of this symbol which has just been described.

Another interesting point in connection with this famous and often seen symbol is that in spite of the fact that Atlas is always depicted as holding the round globe of earth, there are many who will tell you, including many professors of archaeology, that it is only in comparatively recent times that man has known that the earth is round. Why, then, did the ancients of Atlantis depict it round, as a globe.

From Atlantis, not Greece, comes the Symbolical Myth of Atlas.

MAN DOES IT is the motto of every true heart and the genius of every noble
NOT LIVE FOR life that no man liveth to himself — lives chiefly for his own sel-
HIMSELF ALONE fish good. It is a law of our intellectual and moral being that we
promote our own real happiness in the exact proportions that we con-
tribute to the comfort and happiness of others. Nothing worthy of the name of
happiness is the experience of those who live only for themselves, all oblivious
to the welfare of their fellows. This principle only is the true philosophy which
recognizes and works out the principle in daily life that:

"Life was lent for noble deeds"

SUCCESS Life embraces in its comprehensiveness a just return of failure and success
OR as the result of individual perseverance and labor. Live for something def-
FAILURE inite and practical, take hold of things with a will and they will yield to
you and become ministers of your own happiness and that of others. Nothing
within the realm of the possible can withstand the man or woman who is intelligently
bent on success. Every person carries within, the key that unlocks either door of
success or failure. Which shall it be? All wish for Success; the problem of life
is its winning.

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POSSIBILITIES Strength of character, bravery, determination,  , and unfaltering
OF THE MAYAN nerve and resolution must be the portion and attribute of those who
LIFE resolve to pursue fortune along the rugged road of life. Their path
will often lie amid rocks and crags and not on lawns or among lilies.
A great action is always preceded by a great purpose. History and daily life are
full of examples to show us that the measure of human achievements has always been
proportionate to the amount of human daring and doing. Deal with questions and facts
of life as they really are. What can be done and is worth doing, do with dispatch;
what cannot be done or would be worthless when done, leave for the idlers and dream-
ers along life's highway.

Life often appears to present us with a choice of evils instead of
good and if anyone would get through life honorably and peacefully, he must learn
to bear as well as forbear, to hold the temper in subjection to the judgment and to
practice self-denial in small as well as great things. Human life is a watch-tower.
It is the clear purpose of God that everyone — Mayans especially — should take
their stand on this tower, to look, listen, learn. Life on earth is short and yet it
can be long enough for one to lose his character, his health or his status in the
great scheme of things immortal or, on the other hand, by diligence, by trying,
one can accomplish much within the years that are left.

If the sculptor's chisel can make impressions on marble in a few
hours which distant eyes shall read and admire, if the man of genius can create work
in life that shall speak the triumph of mind a thousand years hence, then may true
men and women, alive to the duty and obligations of existence, do infinitely more.

Working on human hearts and destinies, it is their prerogative to do imperishable work, to build within life's fleeting hours, monuments that shall last forever. If such grand possibilities lie within the reach of personal actions in the world, how important that we live for something every hour of our existence and for something that is harmonious with the dignity of our present being and the grandeur of future destiny!



A STEADY AIM A steady, unswerving aim with a strong arm, willing hands and a resolute will are the necessary requisites to the conflict which begins anew each day and has left upon the scroll of yesterday the actions that form one mighty column wherefrom true worth is estimated. One day's work left undone causes a break in the great chain that years of toil may not be able to repair. Yesterday was ours but it is gone; today is all we possess, for tomorrow we may never see; therefore, in the golden hour of the present, the seeds are planted whereby the harvest for good or evil is to be reaped.

Decide once and for all upon a noble purpose, then take it up bravely, bear it off joyfully, lay it down triumphantly. Be industrious, saving, honest. Deal with kindness with all who come your way and even though you do not rapidly become wealthy, depend upon it, YOU WILL BE HAPPY.

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The web of life is drawn into the loom for us . . . but we weave it ourselves. We throw our own shuttle and work our own treadle . . . The warp is given us, but the woof we furnish . . . find our own material, and color and figure it to suit ourselves . . . Every man is the architect of his own house, his own temple of fame. If he builds one that is great, glorious and honorable, the merit for it and the bliss are his; if he rears a polluted, unsightly, vice-haunted den, to himself alone the shame and misery belongs.

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LIFE, A Life is often but a bitter struggle from first to last for many who STRUGGLE nevertheless wear smiling faces and are always ready with a cheerful word when there is scarcely a shred left of the hopes and opportunities which for years seemed to promise happiness and content. But it is human to still strive and yearn and grope for some unknown good that shall send all unrest and troubles to the winds and settle down over one's life with a halo of peace and satisfaction. The rainbow of hope is always visible in the future. Life is like a winding lane: on either side bright flowers and tempting fruits which we seldom pause to admire or taste, so eager are we to pass an opening in the distance which we imagine will be more beautiful but we discover too often that we have only hurried by these tempting scenes to arrive at a desert waste.

DUTY OF In the life you have known, we are born, we creep into childhood,
RIGHT LIVING bound into youth, sober into manhood and totter into old age. But
in your new life, forget these physical ages and through all the
years let us so live that when we are in the evening of life, when the golden
clouds rest sweetly and invitingly upon the golden mountains and the light of
heaven streams down through the gathering mists of death, we may have a peaceful
and joyous entrance into the world of blessedness where the great riddle of life
whose meaning we can only know in part here below will be unfolded to us in the
quick consciousness of a soul redeemed and purified.

Live the good life
LIVE THE MAYAN LIFE
For they are synonymous

AND BLESSINGS BE WITH THEE



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THOUGHTS ON LIFE

Thus at the flaming forge of life
Our fortunes must be wrought;
Thus on its sounding anvil shaped
Each Burning Deed and Thought!
- Longfellow

We sleep but the loom of life never stops and the pattern which was
weaving when the sun went down is weaving when it comes up tomorrow.

- Henry Ward Beecher

Human life is like a river, constantly
passing away yet, constantly coming on.
- Koran

The days of our years are threescore and ten and, if by reason of
strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow
for it is soon cut off and we fly away.

- Bible